



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gray et al.  
Title: Surgical Device with Malleable Shaft  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated 30 July 2004.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as indicated in Section B.

Please cancel claim 42.